

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Gastroschisis is a birth defect of the abdominal wall, where the baby's intestines move

outside the body through a hole in the muscle, requiring immediate transfer and

specialized repair; and

WHEREAS:

Every year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 1,871

babies are born in the United States with gastroschisis. Minnesota birth defect

surveillance records showed 3.8 infants per 10,000 births were treated for the condition

from 2006 through 2010; and

WHEREAS:

Many Americans born with gastroschisis live with serious and debilitating

complications, including: failure to thrive/slow growth; short bowel syndrome;

nutritional malabsorption; and long term feeding issues, which have a significant impact

on their lives; and

WHEREAS:

Individuals and families of all races and ethnicities living with gastroschisis

complications experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty obtaining accurate diagnosis of the nutritional complications, few treatment options, and limited

insurance coverage for treatment; and

WHEREAS:

Though the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, funding for research is limited,

forcing patients and their families to bear a large share of the burden to determine risks

and shape treatment; and

WHEREAS:

Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation (AAGF) is organizing a nationwide observance

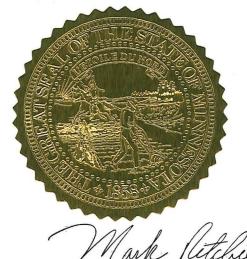
of Gastroschisis Awareness Day on July 30, 2014, and plans to continue the observance

annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 30, 2014, as:

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21st day of July.

GOVERNOR